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## SONG OF THE TREE TOP.

My love is the wind, and his heart is mine,
Here under the midnight sky
We sleep, and we dream in the starlit gleam
And wake to the sea bird's cry.
When the day comes back and the sails unfurl
As blue billows fluff into foam,
We laugh in delight at the hurricane's flight
And kiss when the ships come home.
—Herbert Randall in Connecticut Magazine.

## UPSET BY AN UMBRELLA.

**It Came Very Handy, but Made Three Men Miserable.**

"Talking about stealing umbrellas," said a New Orleans business man. "I had a whimsical experience last week. One afternoon, when it was raining, I happened to see a very good umbrella in the hall, and—well, I annexed it, or rather I established a protectorate, intending to return it before night to the gentleman in the adjoining office, who, I supposed of course, was the owner.

"But somehow or other I didn't, and for several days I dodged him in and out of the building, feeling particularly uncomfortable and guilty. Finally he dropped in and, seeing the umbrella in the front office, walked off with it. I witnessed the incident unobserved from the rear room and naturally said nothing. Next day we encountered in the elevator, and he handed me the umbrella.

"'Here's your parachute,' he said. 'I'll have to own up that I appropriated it yesterday, but it was raining, and the temptation was too strong for my morals.'

"I took it rather gingerly and refrained from offering any explanation. That afternoon I set it just outside my door and had the satisfaction of seeing it disappear under the arm of an architect who is a prominent member of my church and generally regarded as a very moral man. Since then he has had pressing business whenever I hove into sight, and I infer that he is suffering a duplicate of the pangs recently experienced by myself and my neighbor. The fellow who originally left it hasn't turned up, so I suppose that he, too, is a member of the robber band."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

**Saw How It Worked.**

A scientific demonstration which caused some amusement is described in a recent number of The Criterion: "A certain physician had a large Toepler-Holtz machine which gave a spark like a young streak of lightning. His wife was much interested in it and watched the doctor manipulate it until she fancied herself master of the apparatus. One day a party of friends called when the doctor was out, and the good wife seized the opportunity of paralyzing them with her knowledge of science.

"She was a very dignified woman of portly presence, and, after leading them into the office, she began her explanation with all the impressiveness of a lecturer. She spoke briefly of the preliminary manipulation of the machine. 'And then,' she said, laying her hand upon one connection, 'the electricity goes from here to here;' whereupon an angry white spark leaped out from the brass ball indicated with a report like a horse pistol and smote her upon the extended finger, causing her to sit upon the floor with a violence that shook the window panes.

"The guests stood around in expectant attitudes, looking at their fallen hostess in pardonable surprise. Only for a moment did that capable woman leave them in doubt. 'There!' said she, in the most matter of fact manner, as though events had simply followed the usual course. 'You see how it works. Now let's go into the garden and look at the chrysanthemums.'"

**Famous Laughing Plant of Arabia.**

The seeds of the laughing plant of Arabia produce the same effect upon persons as laughing gas. The plant attains a height of from two to four feet, with woody stems, widespreading branches and bright green foliage. Its fruits are produced in clusters and are of a yellow color. The seed pods are soft and woolly in texture and contain two or three black seeds of the size of a Brazilian bean. Their flavor is a little like opium, and their taste is sweet; the odor from them produces a sickening sensation and is slightly offensive. The seeds, when pulverized and taken in small quantities, have a peculiar effect upon man. He begins to laugh loudly, boisterously; then he sings, dances and cuts all manner of fantastic capers. Such extravagance of gait and manners was never produced by any other kind of dosing.—Ladies' Home Journal.

**This Man Is In Trouble.**

Some queer letters find their way to an editor's desk. And here is one of them, which is warm with life and feeling and means business:

To the Editor:

Sir—I sent you three weeks ago come Sunday a sketch of poetry which was wrote by my wife on her birthday. I told you to print it on Sunday and send the bill to me; but nary a sketch of it or bill has I seen. You has placed me in a damagin perdicament by not printin it 'cordin to instructions, for my wife thinks I either didn't mail it or got "full" and lost it. Will you please drop me a line and set me right about it? I know I mailed it to you in the postoffice, but I ain't got no witnesses. If you will set me right in the matter, I will write a piece for you myself!

—Atlanta Constitution.

**A Disagreeable Neighbor.**

"I notice a coolness between you and Mrs. Nexdore. What is the trouble?"

"She sent her little boy over yesterday for a stepladder we borrowed of her two years ago. The artful woman let it stay here all that time so she could send for it some day and make me feel cheap."—Chicago Tribune.

In London no fewer than 188,000 people live four and more to the room, and of these 3,000 are packed to the extent of eight or more to the room.

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"Do you buy condensed milk, madam?" "I presume that we must, but I never thought of it before. I always order two cows and pay for two quarts, but it never matters more than three pints."

When it comes to shouldering the blame on to his wife, every man is a genius.

## SPANISH INSOLENCE.

**Masculine Manners as They Are Displayed In Madrid.**

Smart life is very little seen in the streets of Madrid. Women never walk about unattended and seldom do more than descend from and enter their carriages. Men, as a rule, are gravely polite, the best of them genuinely so and the others with a varnish which does very well when not scratched. They stare out of countenance every woman who passes. This, they explain, means nothing, and is indeed a delicate sort of flattery, but by American ladies it is often taken for insolence and is always very trying.

In the Royal Opera House at Madrid an apparently well bred Spaniard will not hesitate to walk down the aisle during the entr'act, and, taking a favorable stand near the woman he wishes to regard, stare at her for two minutes at a time, with or without glasses. No sooner is the curtain down than nearly all the men in the house—as a rule handsome fellows and well dressed—bunch together in the middle aisle and take the measure of their surroundings. It is a solemn moment. Nobody smiles or jokes, and there does not seem to be much talking. Hats are worn, and every man looks about and stares. When an acquaintance is descried in one of the boxes, he gravely lifts his hat and replaces it, but his features retain their impassive gravity.

The women, when one does see them, seem to be handsomely gowned, but they are not as good looking as the men. They go about in fine looking carriages, drawn by spirited horses or by a spanking pair of mules. I have never seen such mules as are to be seen at times on the shopping streets of Madrid. You will often find on these crowded thoroughfares equipages that would look well on Fifth avenue, flocks of sheep and turkeys and slow moving oxen, not to mention the omnipresent donkey. The cafe life is an imitation of the French article.

## ENEMIES OF RATTLERS.

**Hogs and Black Snakes Kill the Venomous Reptiles With Impunity.**

The two greatest enemies of the rattlesnake are the black snake and the hog. The rattlesnake is slow and sluggish in movement, while the black snake is intensely rapid. The latter will circle around his foe and with a sudden dart grasp the venomous reptile by the neck, so that it has no chance to use its poisonous fangs, and quickly squeeze it to death. A hog, especially if fat, suffers no danger from the rattlesnake. He will march boldly up to the coiled reptile, allow himself to be struck in his jowls once, twice or three times, as the case may be, and will then calmly proceed to swallow the reptile without concern. The reason for the hog's immunity is due to the fact that the blood vessels are so minute and infrequent on his cheeks, where fat is predominant, that they fail to take up the poison and carry it through the porcine system. Hogs have been used in droves to clear some of the islands of the southern seas of poisonous reptiles and have proved successful.

By remembering two simple facts any one can distinguish a poisonsous serpent from a harmless one. The venomous reptile invariably possesses a triangularly shaped head and a blunt nose, while his tail is correspondingly blunt and stubby. Any snake that tapers smoothly from the middle of its body to the tip of its nose and to the tip of its tail as well, growing slender in a gradual and regular manner, is absolutely devoid of venom.—New York Press.

**Badly Confused.**

Lord Bramwell, says the biographer of that jurist, used to tell a story illustrating the complete paralysis which may affect the human mind at trying moments.

One day when he was on board a Rhine steamboat he noticed a lady, evidently in great distress, trying by signs to explain to the officials some matter of importance. Fancying that she was a countrywoman of his own, he asked:

"Do you speak English?"

The poor lady had really lost her head, and she could only stammer out, "Un pen"—that is, a little.

Then Lord Bramwell continued the conversation in French, but it became evident that the lady understood scarcely a word. German and Italian gave equally bad results. Finally she muttered audibly to herself:

"How I wish I were safe at home!"

"But surely you do speak English!" exclaimed the baron.

"I can't speak anything else," she sobbed. "That's what makes me so helpless among these foreigners."

**Intemperance In Drugs.**

There is a source of nervous ailments entirely special to this age and the unexpected outcome of our present-day chemistry and advertising. Intemperance in drugs is becoming more common, and it may possibly outstrip the abuse of alcohol in its evil results. The manufacture of new chemical products is supplying the public with endless carbon derivates of high molecular power and of imperfectly known physiological action. Some are most dangerous, and their continued indulgence leads to confirmed neurosis or hopeless neurasthenia, and it thus comes to pass that as the therapeutic activity of the profession tends to abolish disease that of the public is manufacturing it.—Medical Journal.

**Plaster of Paris.**

The setting of plaster of paris may be retarded by the addition of .2 to 4 per cent of powdered althea root. This addition not only retards the hardening of the plaster, but also enables it to be cut, filed, sawed and turned. An addition of .8 per cent retards the complete setting of the plaster for about an hour, so that the mass may be used for any purpose where it is to remain plastic during at least a portion of that time.

**It Was Loaned.**

Thredd Bayer—"How's dat town down de railroad? Eany chance ter beg me dinner dere?"

Regson Tatters (disgusted)—"Naw! I struck nine houses fer me breakfast, an' all de women sed dey didn't have nothin' cause it wuz Lent."

"Thredd Bayer (disconsolately)—"W'y, dat's wot dey told me in de udder town. I wonder who borrows all dat grub?"

"I understand that your friend is fitting up his room in a strictly artistic manner." "I guess it must be so," replied the heavy young man. "Every time I sit on a piece of furniture it goes to pieces."

## EPWORTH LEAGUE.

**Topic For the Week Beginning April 30, "How Shall We Divide Our Time?"—Text, Eccl. iii, 15.**

"That which hath been is now, and that which is to be hath already been, and God requireth that which is past."

No one truth is more pressed home upon me by the Bible than that of personal accountability for the use of personal power and opportunity. The world of things moves in regular lines of law, and a man can know assuredly what is to be in the future from what has been in the past. Circumstances may change, but the great fundamental principles of human nature and the rules which apply to conduct never shift ground. We are what we make ourselves. God has given the raw material of our lives, and we manufacture character. For this He holds us responsible, and offers rewards for right results and pronounces penalties for wrongdoing and evil. The only sober thing for every man is clearly to recognize his duty to God and then to set himself to work to use his time and talents and opportunities so as to bring the largest and best results to God and himself.

It is folly to devote one's time and energy so fully to securing business advancement that the other needs of life are neglected. Soul needs should be recognized and fully provided for. Social duties and wants are real issues of moment in every life. One must cultivate neighborliness for his own sake and the good of others. He must learn to give and take or be less the man than he should be. Knowledge of men and things at large, the world and its great movements and interests, also have a claim on our attention and time.

Above all, a man should take time to be alone with himself and his God. The "quiet hour" is needed daily in every life. It is needed to sober one from the intoxication and excitement of the world's mad rush around us. It is needed to cast the anchor of faith and hope deeper and more securely in the unseen but real things of existence. Time must be given to think of God, of heaven, of holiness and the real happiness.

Stint your sleep if necessary, cut short your pleasures, economize time in your business, be frugal in social exertions, but give yourself ample time to get acquainted with God. If you can't bear to talk a few minutes a day with Him now, how can you ever expect to enjoy an eternity with Him hereafter?

**Our New Possessions.**

Deeper than the interest we have in the political future of Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines is the care we must have for their religious uplift. Already plans are maturing for our church to send its missionaries into the islands not before occupied by us. We have had a mission for some years in Honolulu, but none in the West Indies or the Philippines.

Magazines and illustrated papers have for months been filled with articles on these newly opened lands. It would be of much profit and awaken new life in the literary work of the League to spend an evening in a review of the religious condition and needs of these lands. Short papers or addresses by several members could without great labor be prepared and illustrated by maps and pictures cut from current periodicals. Even when one has read much there is a charm in having a condensation of facts gathered from many sources and placed in new language. The exercise will well repay those who do the work for all exertion they may expend.

**Open Thou Mine Eyes.**

Not what one reads with the eyes but what one sees with the soul is the valuable thing in Bible study. The illumination needed is not on the text, but on the human understanding. Often one has read a passage so frequently that it has become memorized and stereotyped and almost meaningless. Suddenly under some new stress of circumstances, danger, sorrow, helplessness or new found joy, the passage beams out as the flash of some great lighthouse far over the sea. The word grows luminous, the soul is flooded with pure radiance, and the eyes see as never before beauties and glories which no tongue can describe, but which one's own spirit eyes must behold if he is ever to comprehend. The finger of God has touched the eyes before blind or held and has opened the vision.

**New Magazine.**

For years there has been talk of an up to date Methodist magazine. Now the announcement is made that such a one is to be published in St. Louis. It will have two editors, one from the Church South and one from the Methodist Episcopal church.

Such a venture ten years ago would have been sure of a cordial greeting and had good prospect of success. Now the field has been so filled with cheap magazines with fine articles and profuse illustrations in the highest style of art that the attempt is more hazardous. It will need a large sum of money to insure it a place in the field already well filled.

"If only, Lord," the happy voices sing—
"If only we have Thee, who faileth never,
Not life nor death nor any other thing
Can hurt our joy forever and forever!"

If men could know how quickly pain is spent,
What compensations heaven has in keeping,
What home means, after earth's bleak banishment—
If only they would smile instead of weeping!

Sing louder, radiant host, wake our dull ears
Till, though the path be hard and the day lonely,
We, too, shall answer through the mist of tears
"If only we have Thee, Lord—have Thee only!"

—Susan Coolidge.

**Spain's Greatest Need.**

Mr. R. P. Oliva, of Barcelona, Spain, spends his winters at Aiken, S. C. Weak nerves had caused severe pains in the back of his head. On using Electric Bitters, America's greatest Blood and Nerve Remedy, all pain soon left him. He says this grand medicine is what his country needs. All America knows that it cures liver and kidney trouble, purifies the blood, tones up the stomach, strengthens the nerves, puts vim, vigor and new life into every muscle, nerve and organ of the body. If weak, tired or ailing you need it. Every bottle guaranteed, only 50 cents. Sold at Vaughan's Pharmacy.

## CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

**Topic For the Week Beginning April 30—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.**

TOPIC.—How shall we divide our time?—Eccl. iii, 1-15.

The proper use of our time is one of the most important duties of life. It is a gift of God which once gone never returns. Our success in life depends upon our ability to properly divide and properly use the time which God allots to us. In these days, when the demands upon the time of those who are active and industrious are so multitudinous, the question of the proper dividing of time becomes all the more important. Alfred the Great of England divided his day into three periods of eight hours each—one period for work, a second for recreation and the third for sleep. Thus he accomplished much in life.

The wise man in the topical reference teaches us that God has set a time for all things. The changes that are going on in life are constant, and yet nothing is done haphazardly or without system. There is a time for every work of God, and each comes in its season. If God finds it necessary in order to carry out His purposes in life to have a time and a season for everything, how much more certain it is that if we are to accomplish the purpose for which God made us we must have a time for the duties of life and perform them at their time.

Just how each one is to divide his time is a question that he only can decide. But there are certain principles which should have due influence upon all in the use of time. 1. We should use our time in conformity to the will of God. Time is a precious gift of God that should be consecrated to Him, just as we consecrate our money or our talents to Him. 2. In the division and use of our time ample provision should be made for all religious duties and devotions. The spiritual is often neglected for the material and sacrificed for that which is of less importance. Many who allot sufficient time each day for the feeding of the body make no provision for the soul, yet it is just as necessary that the soul should be fed as the body. 3. We should divide and use our time in the light of eternity in view of the fact that time will some time end and we shall be called upon to render an account for the use we have made of it. We should strive to use each moment, hour and day of our lives as we shall wish we had used them when the end of our time here comes. No better motto or rule for the proper division and use of time could be suggested than that.

Bible Readings.—Ps. xxxix, 1-5; xc, 10-12; Eccl. xii, 1; Isa. lv, 1-6; Math. vi, 24-34; Luke xix, 41-44; John ix, 4; xii, 35; Rom. xiii, 11-14; II Cor. vi, 1, 2; Gal. vi, 9; Eph. v, 15-21; Col. iv, 5, 6; Rev. x, 5, 6.

**One as Good as a Thousand.**

One positive promise of the Lord on any particular subject is as good as a thousand, and the Lord is just as sure to fulfill that promise as though it was repeated over and over again. We do not need, even from each other, a number of promises on the same subject. This is especially true in matters of religious experience. One positive promise of heart purity, if there were but one in the whole Bible, is as good as a thousand, and yet the Lord, in order to impress this subject upon our minds, has given us hundreds of promises bearing on the subject. We do well to collect these promises and keep them in our minds. And yet we will bear in mind that if there were but one promise the Lord would hold Himself bound to fulfill that one just as fully as though the promises were more numerous. Let us get hold of one good promise in every matter of religious experience, and let us hold on to it just as tenaciously as though we had a hundred.—Christian Standard.

**Sunshine.**

"Sun of my soul, thou Saviour dear," is a line that ought to be said or sung every hour of the Christian's life. Some good people are the prey of naturally despondent temperaments. Such need a double supply of grace and must pray for it. So must they whose digestion is weak and whose nerves are oversensitive. The worries of business or household cares, the loss of sleep or the derangement of the bodily machinery, puts such Christian folks under a cloud pretty often. Today they sing like larks—tomorrow the barometer goes down, and they are in the dumps again. Such people should look after their bodily health as a spiritual duty. Moreover, they should keep their Christian faith where it would not be exposed to every east wind or drenched to death by every shower that falls. Keep a good supply of tonic Bible texts within reach, and take them freely the next time that an ague fit comes on.—Rev. T. L. Cuyler.

**Religion With Trimmings.**

Many church members turn up in Sunday clothing at popular conventions and for all dress parade occasions, but when there is a real battle with evil to be fought they are missing. As one has well said, "The tendency in our day is to take our religion with too many trimmings."—D. W. Whittle.

**The True Life.**

That is the true life—the life of active employment, whatever be the work God has given you to do, and the station He has appointed you to fill. I repeat, the busy, active life is always the happy one.—Dr. Macduff.

**Impressions.**

Only a ray of sunshine,
Only a passing thought,
But it left an imprint on the heart
Like iron, deeply wrought.

Only a swift winged arrow
Shot from the bow of love,
But it healed a weight of sorrow
That ages failed to move.

'Twas but a fleeting shadow,
But it lent a tender grace
And covered the look of anguish
Reflected on the face.

—Philadelphia Ledger.

**A Narrow Escape.**

Thankful words written by Mrs. Ada E. Hart, of Groton, S. D. "Was taken with a bad cold which settled on my lungs; cough set in and finally terminated in Consumption. Four Doctors gave me up, saying I could live but a short time. I gave myself up to my Saviour, determined if I could not stay with my friends on earth, I would meet my absent ones above. My husband was advised to get Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds, I gave it a trial, took in all eight bottles. It has cured me, and thank God, I am saved and now a well and healthy woman." Trial bottles free at Vaughan's Pharmacy. Regular size 50c. and $1.00. Guaranteed or price refunded.

**Making a Dictionary.**

Nearly every one has had the bright idea that it must be a tremendous amount of work to get up a dictionary, but few have any notion of the real size of the task. When Johnson got his famous dictionary started, he calculated that, with six assistants, he could complete the task in three years. It took him nine years instead. He received the small recompense of $7,500, and had to pay his assistants out of that.

Webster worked 24 years before his dictionary made its bow to the world. Webster was very punctilious in his definitions, and so painstaking that it was a wonder he completed the work when he did.

The words which give the compiler of a dictionary the most trouble are the little one syllable Saxon words. Their history extends back into the Saxon period, and their meaning has become twisted in many directions. Words with pedigrees are the hardest to trace.

When a new dictionary is projected, one man is selected as editor in chief, and he appoints his subeditors. Then appeals are sent out to literary people in general for voluntary contributions in the nature of rare and curious words. There are over 1,000 people who have offered their services in the case of a dictionary now making. They are to read standard works, ancient and modern, in the search for curious words, their origin and meaning. These words, written on slips of paper, are filed in thousands of pigeonholes. Over six tons of clips have been put away. This means 6,000,000 words, but only 1,000,000 will be printed. The amount of work necessary to properly sort these is evident.

**Testing a Diamond.**

"When in doubt as to the genuineness of a diamond," said a leading dealer in precious stones to the writer recently, "there is only one really reliable way by which the expert or the amateur judge can determine the quality of the article and that is to test its hardness by holding it against a rapidly revolving grindstone from five to ten minutes. Then, if the least mark appears upon the diamond, it is not a real stone, for if it were a diamond, so far from any mark being produced upon it, it would be likely, on the other hand, to make a deep impression on the grindstone. The same test may also be made with emery paper or on an emery wheel, neither of which, although harder than a grindstone, will make any impression upon a genuine diamond.

"This is a good thing for one to remember in these days of manufactured diamonds. The paste article is now made with such care that it sometimes tests the skill of the expert to distinguish the genuine from the bogus, but if the grindstone is brought into play there can be no room for doubt. Some people think that if they rub a stone against glass and it makes a deep impression it is a diamond. But nearly all paste diamonds will scratch glass, and the imitations of sapphires, rubies and emeralds will do the same."—Washington Star.

**The Peculiar Danes.**

"The Danes," wrote Julian Ralph from Copenhagen, "are not satisfied with the alphabet. They have invented a twenty-seventh letter, which is an O with a mark run through it diagonally from the north northwest to the south southeast, and this amazing letter comes in most of the words. They are so proud of it that they paint it, all by itself, in heroic size on the front of the second stories of the tram cars. I always used to think that when a British or Russian or Swedish prince came here to get a wife all he had to say was, 'Wjill yjou mjarry mje?'

"But I didn't know a great deal of Danish then. In fact, I only knew the word 'tandstikker,' which means 'rancid match'—at least I think so after using these matches all over the world. Since I have come here I've not only discovered the O with a skewer through it, but I find that the language is so impossible that the Danes themselves have given it up. They spell Copenhagen Kjopenhaven, Kiobenhaven, Copenhague and Coepenhabn."

**Smoking Vampires.**

Henry Adams of Wichita, Kan., tells this story of the favorite amusement of Americans at the clubs in the City of Mexico:

Frequently in the evenings the vampires, or blood sucking bats, fly into the open windows of the clubrooms. The Americans then close the doors and catch the bat by throwing a shawl over it. One of the men lights a cigarette, opens the bat's mouth and inserts the cigarette therein. The creature is then turned loose. Its soft mouth contracting closely, the cigarette is immediately seized firmly.

Every time the bat breathes it draws in the smoke and then exhales it. Thus, flying around the room, smoking the cigarette wildly and puffing out clouds of smoke, it presents a strange appearance. The smoke generally kills the bat before the cigarette is all smoked up.

**They Would Get There.**

It was a lecture delivered by a learned purveyor of liver pills and illustrated by diagrams of the frame of man. "That," he explained, pointing out a totally different spot, "is where man's liver is."

"Excuse me," observed the man in spectacles, "but I am a surgeon, and that's not where the liver is."

"Never you mind where his liver is," retorted the lecturer. "If it was in his big toe or his left ear my pills would reach it and shake it for him. On that you can bet your gig lamps."

**Cured the Dryness.**

Mother—How did papa's new book get in this condition?

Bobby—Why, mamma, I heard papa say last night that the book was too dry for him. So I put it in the bathtub and let the water run.

Bramble—"Is you brother still physician on that ocean liner?" Thorne—"No, he got seasick and threw up his job."

Summer maid? Her origin?
Well, that is largely a matter of doubt.
Possibly she was some mermaid once.
And the syllables got changed about

"They say all the love-making was on her part." "So I've heard. But then he supplied the money, you know."

Poet—"All I need is an opening, sir." Editor—"What is the matter with the one you just came through?"

## HE WAS SUPERSTITIOUS.

**And in Spite of His Mascot He Dropped His Big Roll.**

"Yes, superstition broke me," said the ex-gambler, as, perceiving that the next man to him had a squint, he crossed his fingers. "I had heard of the luck that a humpback is certain to furnish, so I advertised for one. I got him all right, and now I wish I hadn't. He had a hump that was a wonder. It was two feet high at least. I took him to Europe, with the intention of cleaning out the bank at Monte Carlo. Going over on the steamer I made a little money, and I could see a glorious finish. From London to Nice I nearly ruined my bank roll constantly rubbing it against my mascot's magnificent hump.

"To make a long story short, I'll just say that in spite of my humpbacked friend I dropped my roll at roulette before we had been in the Casino two hours. I had just a thousand franc note left, and my mascot, who was as badly broken up as I was, begged me to let him play that in himself. I consented, because I didn't see how the luck could be any worse. The first crack that he made was to put a limit bet on the double zero, but when he won it I fainted. By the time the doctors had brought me to he was playing on velvet a foot thick and never turned a hair or winked an eye until the croupier announced stolidly that the bank was broken.

"I was the happiest man in the world then, I guess, but not for long, as I came back in the steerage. No; I didn't lose it back. In fact, I didn't get a chance, for when I asked my humpback to divide he said 'Nit.' I reminded him of how well I had treated him and begged him to at least tip me off to the secret of his success. He unbuttoned his coat, loosened a few straps and tossed me over a most artistic artificial hump. 'That's it,' he said.

"Ah, yes! Superstition has ruined many a good man."—New York Press.

## LINCOLN AS A LAWYER.

**How the Immortal Abe Won His Early Successes at the Bar.**

A suit was brought in the United States court in Springfield against a citizen for an infringement of a patent right. Mr. Lincoln was employed to defend it. Mr. Lincoln went to the most skilled architect in the city, inquired how he spent his winter evenings and received the reply: "If times are brisk, I sometimes work. Otherwise I have no special business."

Mr. Lincoln said: "I have a patent right case in court. I want you as a partner and will divide fees. I know nothing about mechanics—never made it a study. I want you to make a list of the best works on mechanism, as I don't suppose they can be purchased here. I will furnish the money, and you can send to Chicago or New York for them. I want you to come to my house one night each week and give me instructions." In a short time he had witnesses to meet him, and they were thoroughly drilled.

When the trial commenced, Mr. Lincoln put his questions at the cross examination so scientifically that many witnesss were bothered to reply. When his witnesses were put on the stand, so skillful were his questions that the court, the jury and the bar wondered how Abe Lincoln knew so much about mechanism. His witnesses could reply promptly. He gained the suit and a reputation such that Mr. Lincoln was sustained in every patent right case brought into that court up to the time he went to Washington. He went to Chicago, St. Louis, Iowa, Ohio, Kentucky and Michigan to try patent right cases, and the last year of his practice did little else.—Thomas Lewis' "Recollections of Lincoln" in Leslie's Weekly.

**From Welsh to Spanish.**

A very long time ago the British government ordered that English should be taught in Welsh schools. As a result, in 1865 a colony of persecuted Welsh miners fled from the British tyranny and settled in the deserts of Patagonia. These men were heroes, and with most magnificent courage they dared to live in a desert where not a plant would grow, where the water was brackish and the heat intolerable. They were surrounded by wild tribes of hostile savages and made them warm friends; they were ruled by a foreign government and became loyal citizens.

Through long years of want and famine they never despaired. They have turned the desert into a beautiful fertile country, have become rich, number 3,000 people, have extended their string of settlements right across South America, own a paying railway and ship large crops of wheat, wool, ostrich feathers and quanaco skins.

They left Wales to escape the tyranny of the English language and now, rather than talk Welsh, they converse largely of their freedom in excellent Spanish.

**A Modern Elopement.**

The agitated girl looked back through the cloud of dust that rose in their rear.

"Algernon," she exclaimed in terror, "pap is pursuing us!"

"Let him pursue!" chuckled Algernon. "The last thing I did before we started was to slip out and change his storage battery. It's only got about one more mile in it, and then it'll stop dead."

And even as Algernon spake these words his automobile drew away from the pursuer, while from the lagging machine far in the rear came faintly to the ear hoarse cries of impotent rage from the baffled parent.—Chicago Tribune.

Within a mile from Congleton, England, on the high road from Macclesfield, there is a deserted village consisting of over 60 houses, not one of which is tenanted.

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## DISHONEST JOURNALISM.

The TRANSCRIPT has no desire to continue a useless controversy nor to say harsh things, but truth is truth, and since we have in cold type a sample of the dishonest journalism resorted to by every Addicks organ in the State to deceive the people and uphold his political treachery, we submit it. We submit it with regret that an old-time friend is involved but the truth should prevail. The Smyrna "Times" has charged the anti-Addicks papers with a desire to investigate only Farlow, King and Clark. In the last issue of the TRANSCRIPT we said:

"The facts are that the TRANSCRIPT has from the first insisted upon an investigation into all charges; it has advocated the calling of every member, and we will here add every officer, of the General Assembly before the proper tribunal if necessary to uncover the charges of bribery and crookedness of the recent session. It stated plainly in its last issue that the demand is for an investigation of all charges."

The readers of the TRANSCRIPT will bear witness that from the first this has been our position, our language could not be plainer, yet the "Times" for the third times repeats its false assumption of our position. We quote its entire answer this week, proving it unfair and driven to dishonest journalism to uphold Addicksism and to deceive the people, and at the same time we submit to an intelligent constituency samples of "verbiage" and "mad dog tails" in the first sentence in the following quotation from the "Times":

"THE editorial of the Middletown *Transcript* with that of the *Morning News* copied to fill out a column, which appeared in the last issue of that paper in regard to an investigation of *all* the members who agreed to, or did vote for a Senator of the opposite party while they wish to confine it to *three* only, was such a mass of verbiage as to remind one of the mad dog in chasing its own tail round and around in a continuous circle. As a specimen of *argumentum ad hominem*, the whole column was a failure."

## APPOINTMENT OF SENATORS.

Within an hour after the jury had declared former Senator M. S. Quay not guilty of conspiracy to defraud the People's Bank of Philadelphia, Governor Stone appointed him to the vacancy in the U. S. Senate occasioned by the failure of the Pennsylvania legislature to elect a successor to Mr. Quay whose term expired March 4th, last. The precedents in the Senate are against the admission of claimants to the Senate thus appointed. Only last year Mr. Quay voted against the admission of Mr. Corbett, of Oregon, named under similar circumstances. It is said, however, that the Senate will admit Mr. Quay on his personal popularity, reversing former decisions. Political exigencies are said to demand it. This remains to be proven, the prophesies of admission may prove to be mistaken.

There are three other states like Pennsylvania with similar senatorial vacancies. Gov. Gage, of California, has already named Dan Burns, the Southern Pacific boodle candidate, as his choice from that State though he will withhold the credentials, it is said, until after the Quay application has been passed upon. Mr. Burns is a Republican.

Nothing has been heard from Utah where the appointee, if made, will probably be a Populist Silver Republican though the legislature is Democratic.

In Delaware Governor Tunnell has shown again his good judgment by the announcement that he will not name a Senator to fill the vacancy in this State. Should the Senate admit Mr. Quay then Gov. Tunnell would most probably name a successor to Judge Gray. It would be a pleasure as well as a duty for him to do so, and Mr. Addicks would then be represented by two Democrats in the Senate, since Gen. Kenney fills a vacancy created by him. Strange things have come to pass; and how do our Union Republican friends relish the situation?

A YEAR has passed since the Delaware State Militia encamped at Camp Tunnell with prospects of taking an active part in the war which had just then been declared against Spain. It has been a year of remarkable changes. History has been made rapidly, the maps of the globe have been changed. And the end is not yet. The people have changed too, or those who do the loudest and the most talking. The "yellow journals" have changed. We remember how weary we were made by the patriotism (?), the humanity (?) of a citizen of Middletown in his reiterated demands a year ago that "Congress should interfere in the Spanish—Cuban affairs. President McKinley was a coward to withhold aid to the Cuban patriots, etc." He was almost as brave and bold as the Wilmington Cuban Junta. Congress did authorize the President to step in. Our soldier boys went to Cuba and Porto Rico. Admiral Dewey won May 1st the most remarkable naval victory in the world's history, the war in the east was forced upon this country. But what is the tune of our humaintarian patriot now? What the tone of the "yellow journals?" Like the Wilmington Cuban Junta all these brave men remained safely at home out of the sound of the Mauser bullets. What are they saying? "the war is a disgrace and a shame; it is civilized barbarity and savage christianity, expansion is a fraud; and the expense" oh! the cost in dollars. Why this change of front in one short but eventful year? We know of but one answer—political exigency. Consistency is nothing in the face of political exigency. This is a queer world.

A TORNADO at Kirkville, Mo., on Thursday destroyed 400 houses, killed 100 persons and injured 1000. Fire followed the tornado.

## THE INDICTMENTS.

The grand jury of Kent County has this week found two true bills of interest to all Delawareans. The one is in the race track bill against Emmet D. C. Hedgeman who acted as clerk of the Senate towards the close of the legislative session; the other is against Representative Mark L. Davis charged with an offer to bribe Representative Lattomus. In addition to these the Attorney-General filed his information with the Court in the cases against Dr. T. C. Moore and his colleagues in Duck Creek hundred charged with the use of money at last fall's registrations. These charges will be tried not by jury but by the Court. The grand jury ignored the indictment against Representative Short charging him with an offer of $2,000 to bribe Representative Wagamon to remain out of the joint sessions in the voting for a Senator to aid the election of Addicks,

The indictment of Representative Davis charges him with offering Representative Lattomus $5,000 to vote for J. Edward Addicks by the payment of a mortgage, and also with offering to pay the money to the wife of Mr. Lattomus. The case has been continued to Tuesday next, May 2d.

In the "snake" bill three other names come into prominence with Hedgeman's. Senator John Pyle fathered the bill in the Senate; Representative John P. Donahoe took charge of it in the House but had no opportunity to get it passed; John T. Dickey, the tricky politician, acknowledges drawing the bill and like Boss Tweed says in substance. "What are you going to do about it?" Had the bill become a law it would have licensed all forms of gambling. Mr. Hedgeman is charged with forging the endorsements as to the passage of the bill. He was arrested at Laurel on Wednesday night. Bail was denied him and he is in charge of the Sheriff. His case is set for a hearing on Wednesday.

THE much talked-of "dollar dinner" of the Democrats of Brandywine hundred was celebrated not by the announced 400 but by 125. Evidently politicians were afraid of it. It was given to the faithful 18 Democratic members of the legislature omitting Farlow, King and Clark. There were present Senators Meredith, Lewis, Slaughter and Hart; Representatives Shallcross, Rose, Donahoe, Donovan, Wagamon, Cottingham, Jester.

WILMINGTONIANS may be congratulated that the "Evening Journal" has fallen into the hands of so public spirited a man as Mr. Peter J. Ford. It means enlarged facilities, a better paper. Mr. Ford was a gubernatorial candidate in the last campaign and evidently is still in politics.

PHILADELPHIA unveiled an equestrian statue of Gen. Grant on Thursday in Fairmount Park. President McKinley was present with members of the cabinet. The curtain was drawn by Miss Rosemary Sartoris, Grant's granddaughter.

## SUSSEX COUNTY

The Lewes National Bank has a capital stock of $50,000 paid.

The tool house of the Delaware Railroad Company at Georgetown has been destroyed by fire.

Capt. P. B. Norman, of Lewes, has been rendered blind by the effects of a fall sustained in the Dover opera house very recently.

Laurel's camp meeting will begin this year on August 17 and continue two weeks. The Central pavilion which was destroyed by the late blizzard is to be rebuilt and enlarged.

It is rumored that the Queen Anne Railroad Company will build a large hotel on the Manning property at Rehoboth. This popular resort promises to become one of the best resorts on the seashore.

An application has been received by George C. Guthrie, Great Chief of Records of the Improved Order Red Men, of Delaware, for a charter for a new tribe of Red Men at Rehoboth. The new tribe will be designated Indian River Tribe, No. 37, and will have a charter membership of forty. It will be instituted on Saturday evening May 6, in the dining hall of Hotel Henlopen. Ioka Tribe, of Ellendale, will raise up the work and assist in the kindling of the new council fire.

## KENT COUNTY COURT.

The regular session of the Kent County Court convened at Dover on Monday last. The grand jury organized by electing David S. Wilds, of Kenton, foreman. Business was not so pressing and outside of the bribery cases, there was little to do. In the afternoon the trial list was gone over. Of the 21 cases eight were set for trial, six were passed, five were continued by consent of counsel, one was stricken from the list and one was referred by the prothonotary to referees.

Coroner David H. Knotts gave the accustomed bond of his office. His bondsmen were Dr. T. O. Clements, Charles G. Wright and N. H. Hutchins, all of Dover.

Sheriff John B. Wharton also gave bond to the amount of $14,000, with Harry Richardson and William Denney as sureties. Clerk of the Peace Robert S. Downs gave bond to the amount of $13,000. His bondsmen were Samuel L. Shaw, William Dixon, Robert J. Reynolds, John P. Masten and William Tharp.

On Monday evening Attorney-General White examined all the Democratic and Regular Republican members of the Legislature about the "snake gambling" bill, except Representatives Cottingham and West.

August Berger, a German, for larceny of a suit of clothes from Harry J. Baker, of Wyoming, was sentenced to one month imprisonment.

Miss Jennie Wright, of Magnolia, indicted for the larceny of a diamond ring from Mrs. Nickerson, of that town, was arraigned. Mrs. Nickerson gave a number of dates concerning the purchase and disappearance of the ring, and the defence offered no argument. Chief Justice Lore instructed the jury to render a verdict of not guilty, which they did without leaving the box.

On Wednesday morning the court took up the case of Alfred Gibbs, colored, charged with the murder of Howard Harper, also colored. Gibbs pleaded not guilty to murder in the first degree, but guilty of manslaughter. After a consultation the prisoner was sentenced to five years imprisonment and $500 fine.

## WASHINGTON LETTER.

From our Special Correspondent.

Only amusement has been caused in Washington by the cabled news that prominent European editors were seriously discussing the probability of our abandonment of the Philippines. These men do not know the American character even a little bit. President McKinley and his cabinet have no more idea of abandoning the Philippines than they have of abandoning Hawaii or Porto Rico. And, what is more to the point, they are perfectly well satisfied with the progress that has been made by Gen. Otis towards getting possession of the Philippines. They know that the origin of the numerous stories about the insurmountable difficulties before us in the Philippines, which are being published in this country and Europe, as well as the telegrams sent to the Philippines to create dissatisfaction among the volunteers, can be traced to politics—very dirty politics, too; that they are being spread by Democrats and other anti-expansionists, with the hope that a sentiment can be created among the voters that will be injurious to the administration in next year's campaign. No political party can make votes by belittling the American flag and power; hence the stories cause no uneasiness to the administration.

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The Military Court of Inquiry has completed the taking of testimony and expects to make its report this week. There is nothing in sight to indicate that the report will contain anything sensational. There has already been too much sensational stuff printed about the whole business.

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Senator Quay is at his Washington home, but his vindication by a jury and his appointment to be Senator by Governor Stone has not changed his habitual reticence concerning himself. Since his arrival in Washington, the day of his acquittal, he has been steadily receiving congratulations, by wire, mail, and by personal calls from his friends. He expressed his gratification to all callers, but pleasantly declined to say anything for publication concerning his appointment by Governor Stone, or his own intentions. The Senate has decided the question raised by the appointment of Mr. Quay to the Senate both ways, and a majority of the Senate of each Congress can decide it either way and there is no appeal, but all the recent decisions have been against the right of a governor to fill a vacancy in the Senate that occurs through the failure of the legislature to elect a Senator while in session. If Mr. Quay's credentials from the Governor are decided to be good, the governors of California, Delaware and Utah will appoint Senators to fill the vacancies, from the same cause, from those states.

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In accordance with the general instructions of this administration to U. S. Consuls, to report everything that may be of value to our people, our Consul at Coburg, Germany, writes the following description of the preparation of potato bread, with which many Germans feed their horses when subjected to unusually hard and continuous work, claiming that it adds to their strength and endurance: "The potatoes are stewed till soft, then mashed thoroughly and an equal quantity of corn meal added, mixing the whole into a thick paste, adding a little salt. The paste is divided into four pound loaves and baked till thoroughly done. When cold, they are fed to horses doing heavy work, at the rate of four loaves a day, one in the morning, one at noon, one about four o'clock and one at night, giving with the last one about ten pounds of poor hay."

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It is an interesting coincidence, made prominent by the announcement that Speaker Reed would retire from Congress to practice law in New York city, that seven of the thirty-two Speakers of the House has had—Reed, Carlisle, Randall, Blaine, Colfax, Stevenson and Macon—served three terms each in that exalted position. It is noted also in this connection that only one Speaker—James K. Polk—ever became President. So far as the states are concerned, the Speakership honors have been very unequally divided. Only fourteen states have had Speakers, and three of those—Kentucky, Virginia and Massachusetts—have each furnished four, while Pennsylvania and Indiana have each three. The only Speaker who served longer than three terms was Henry Clay, who had a fraction more than five terms to his credit. Only four Speakers have been from the West and three of them were from a single state—Indiana. The talk about the probable successor to Mr. Reed is as yet largely speculative. No party ever had a larger array of capable men available for the honor than the Republicans of the next House will have and while there may be good natured rivalry between individuals as well as sections, every Republican will have the satisfaction of knowing that a good Speaker is bound to be chosen. While it is understood that Representatives Grosvenor, of Ohio; Hopkins, and possibly Cannon, of Illinois; Henderson, of Iowa; Dalzell, of Pennsylvania; Mercer, of Nebraska; Moody, of Massachusetts, and Sherman and Payne, of New York, will be candidates. The only avowed candidate who has been to Washington since the announcement of Mr. Reed's retirement, is Mr. Payne, of New York, who succeeded the late Representative Dingley as Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and floor leaders of the Republicans.

### Removal Notice.

February 1st, 1899, I will remove my Office and Residence to the Miss Bessie Anderson property situated on the same side of West Main Street as that upon which I have been located for the past six years, and adjoining the vacant lot at the corner of Main and Scott Streets on one side and the residence of Mr. Jesse L. Shepherd on the other.

W. E. BARNARD, D. D. S.

## DELAWARE CITY.

The Young People's Missionary Society of the Presbyterian Church, met in the lecture room Wednesday evening after prayer meeting.

The Mite Society met Thursday at the home of Mrs. J. Thos. Price.

Rev. George S. Gassner, former rector o Christ Church, and some friends of Philadelphia, were in town this week on a fishing expedition.

The Public School will give an entertainment May 5th. Proceeds to be used for a belfry.

Mrs. Thomas O'Neil who has been very ill with heart trouble, is very much better.

William Hildebrand, of this place, and Mrs. Rulong, of Port Penn, were married on Tuesday in St. Georges by Rev. Mr. Davidson, of the Presbyterian Church.

Mrs. H. C. Johanness made a brief visit to the Quaker City this week.

Miss Lucy Jackson is the guest of her sister at London Grove, Pa.

Miss Sadie Roberts met with an accident last Friday while out driving. Her horse, frightened by a dog barking and running at it, and became unmanageable, started plunging and kicking which obliged Miss Roberts to jump from the carriage. She was injured by the jump but pluckily pulled at the head of the horse, which had fallen down. Assistance came from a man near at hand and the young lady was brought home. Upon summoning their physician, Dr. Dunlap, he found an ankle dislocated and a small bone broken. She is getting along nicely now.

Mrs. N. George Price and Mrs. H. C. Johannes attended the Episcopal Sunday School Convention held in Emmanuel Church, in New Castle, last week.

Miss Stella Ferguson, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents.

Rev. Arthur F. Lewis received a telegram on Saturday announcing the death of his maternal grandmother in Connecticut. Consequently there was no service in Christ Church on Sunday.

The evening services in the Presbyterian Church will begin at 7.30 instead of 7.

Miss Annie Schunder has returned from a visit to friends in Philadelphia.

Early Fountaine, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with his parents.

Mrs. S. E. Bradway, of Atlantic City, was in town this week.

Mrs. Anna Lofland spent Sunday in town.

Miss Maggie O'Neil has returned from a visit to friends in McDonough.

Mrs. Jarrell Newkirk has returned to Wilmington.

Mrs. Somers VanKirk and children, of Camden, N. J., were in town this week.

Miss May Thompson, of Wilmington, was in town this week.

Among the nurses of the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital, in Philadelphia, awarded certificates of honor in appreciation of "their services to the soldiers treated in the hospital" during the war with Spain, was Miss Mary H. Bennett, formerly of this place. The certificates were conferred by Mayor Ashbridge, who "paid an eloquent tribute to the noble hearted self sacrificing American women who had nursed the sick and wounded soldiers."

Stone has been hauled for the foundation of the new frame buildings on the Ashurst farm.

Miss Lou Price spent Saturday in Wilmington.

Capt. Alfred C. Nickle, senior captain of the fleet of the Baltimore, Chesapeake and Richmond Steamboat Company, died recently at his home on North Fulton Avenue, Baltimore. Members of the family and the officials of the railway company were present at the funeral services held at the house preparatory to converging the remains to Essex, Conn., for interment. Rev. Dr. E. H. Robbins, of Fulton Avenue Presbyterian Church, officiating. Appropriate and beautiful floral designs were laid on and near the casket. The same day the body was taken to Essex accompanied by Mr. Louis A. Nickle, his only surviving child. The interment services were conducted by the Masons. Captain Nickle was born in New Jersey in 1833, but resided in this place when a boy, and for some time after he married. His sisters, Mrs Julia Brewer and Mrs. Martha Byles, are residing here now, and two other sister's survive him.

Higby Davidson's family have not heard from him since the newspaper reported his being seriously wounded at Manila.

Paris wants the Liberty Bell as a chief attraction in the American exhibit of the exposition of 1900. It has been a question for some years as to the advisability of moving the bell from its present quarters any more than is positively necessary. A number of our readers remember the opposition which was created when the bell was sent to the Chicago exposition. But in this connection it is well to remember that Chicago is a part of our own great country and bears the same love for our historical relic as do the people of the east, while Paris is in another country—friendly 'tis true—a long distance away and the bell would be in great danger while being transported across the Atlantic. The stand taken by Mayor Ashbridge is well worthy of commendation by all Americans, as it displays his interest in one of our most priceless and historical relics, and those in custody of the bell would do well to weigh the matter carefully before making a decision. Why does not Paris ask for our original Declaration of Independence? We could spare one as well as the other, and together they would attract considerable attention—from the English people especially.

## MY MARYLAND.

The annual meeting of the State Council, Junior Order United American Mechanics, in session at Baltimore, adjourned Thursday after electing the following officers: State Councillor—J. T. Waltemeyer. State Vice Councillor—David Heller. State Council Secretary—Charles Davis. Assistant State Council Secretary—H. G. Stover. State Council Treasurer—William L. James. State Council Conductor—T. A. Birch. State Council Warden—N. S. Watte. State Council Inside Sentinel—E. L. Melvin. State Council Outside Sentinel—P. C. McFarlane. State Council Chaplain—Rev. C. F. Wyatt. Members of the Executive Board—A. E. F. Grempler and J. Adam Sohl. Representatives to National Council—J. H. Smith, of Cecilton, and W. J. Davis. Next year's session will be held at Cambridge.

### Last Personally-Conducted tour to Washington via Pennsylvania Railroad.

The last of the present series of Pennsylvania Railroad three-day personally-conducted tours to Washington, D. C., will be run on May 11. The rate, $14.50 from New York, $11.50 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points, includes transportation, hotel accommodations, and Capitol guide fees. An experienced Chaperon will also accompany the party.

For itineraries, tickets, and full information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway, New York; 789 Broad Street, Newark, N. J., or address Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station, Philadelphia.

The Peace Society of Copenhagen had succeeded up to March 31 in collecting 300 000 signatures to an appeal for disarmament

### Last Tour to Old Point Comfort, Richmond, and Washington Under Personal Escort.

The last six-day personally-conducted tour to Old Point Comfort, Richmond, and Washington via the Pennsylvania Railroad will leave New York and Philadelphia on Saturday, April 29.

Tickets, including transportation, meals en route in both directions, transfers of passengers and baggage, hotel accommodations at Old Point Comfort, Richmond, and Washington, and carriage ride about Richmond will be sold at rate of $34.00 from New York, Brooklyn, and Newark; $32.50 from Trenton; $31.00 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other stations.


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We shall sell pianos as we sell other goods—at least possible prices. This will help the general piano business, increase the number of piano players and, we believe, will be fair to all.

Piano prices are lowered.

**We've Been Heartily Thanked For the Bicycle Club** Professional men and those working on salary appreciate the advantages the easy-pay club plan brings.

Bicycles delivered as soon as membership is accepted—and a condition of membership is the payment of $3 initial fee and one of the monthly parts on the wheel.

2000 $25 Continentals—Monthly payment, $5
90 $40 Humber Roadsters—Monthly payment, $10
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200 $60 Orients, with Morrow Brake—Monthly payment, $10
100 $65 One-Thirty Orients—Monthly payment, $12
100 $75 Orient Chainless—Monthly payment, $12
50 $100 Tandems—Monthly payment, $20

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**Men's $15 Suits** This favored price buys a splendid suit in this store. It allows us to put in high-class fabrics, and do the more important tailoring by hand. This results in suits of a goodness not matched at the price outside of the John Wanamaker stores. We show today—

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We have just received a lot of suits for the larger boys, that a fortunate trade incident brings to us to sell at two dollars and a half below their worth. They are of lightweight fancy mixtures; well-made throughout. Price today—Six dollars a suit.

They're well worth $8.50 a suit.

**Washable Suits for Boys**

Eighty-five styles of Washable Suits for Boys of 3 to 12 years are on special display today—fully a half of them have not been shown before. A gathering that mothers of boys will want to see.

These hints of styles and prices—

At $1.35—Suits of crash with white shields and neat tape braiding.
At $1.85—All-linen Suits in natural tan color, with white braided shields.
At $1.85—Suits of English Galatea, in pretty stripes; with plain blue collars and embroidered shields.
At $3.50—Suits of fancy pique, in dark or light blue and white.
At $4—Suits of fancy linen in neat French checks of red-and-white and blue-and-white; collars in solid colors, prettily braided.
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Also a fine showing of Washable Kilt Suits for boys of 2, 2½ and 3 years. Made of percale, Galatea and pique. Prices, $1 to $4.

**Separate Skirts for Warm-day Wear** We've made a summer—at least the garments for summer wear are ready. Seems early to tell of them, but last year favored styles ran short, in spite of our best efforts—so the buying is starting in early this year.

Crash Skirts, $3.
Linen Skirts, $3.75 and $4.
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Some plain, some beautified with insertions or other trimming.

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Of medium sizes—**32 to 42 bust measure—330 Tailor-Made Suits**

Of recent purchase in Gray Homespun, Covert Cloths and Cheviots at about one-third less than their original worth. We are making a memorable Suit sale.

Our elegant Covert and Broad-cloth Suits, originally worth $45.00; to go at **$35.00.**
Our elegant Homespun Suits, originally worth $38.00; to go at **$25.00.**
Our elegant Cheviot and Homespun Suits, originally worth $29.75; to go at **$22.50.**
Our elegant Covert Cloth and Cheviot Suits, originally worth $25.00; to go at **$15.00.**
Our elegant Cheviot and Homespun Suits, originally worth $22.50; to go at **$13.50.**
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Hat elegance here for **$3.75,** usually worth $5.50.
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## Cloths by the Yard—Staple Silks by the Yard

Retailing at wholesale prices.

Homespun Cloth, in gray $1.00 grade here at **80c.**
Covert Cloth, in gray $1.25 grade here at **$1.00.**
Cheviot Cloth, $1.10 grade here at **85c.**
Plain Colored Taffetas, 30 colorings, 85c. grade at **65c.** 500 yds. Kaiki (washable) Silk, 45c. grade at **35c.**
Choice black Taffetas, 65c. grade here at **50c.**
Choice black Taffetes, $1.00 grade here at **75c.**
Choice Changeable Taffetas, 75c. grade here at **58c**
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**Boy's Balbriggan**

Shirts, Drawers and Knickerbockers, all sizes, Shirts having long or short sleeves. Price 25c per garment.

**Hosiery.**

Saturday we will have a special sale of 12½c Hosiery for Men, Women and Children as follows:

Men's Balbriggan, black with white feet, all black, and tan, regular 25c. grade, for 12½c.

Ladies' Balbriagan, black with white feet, all black, all black drop stitch and tans, the regular 20c. grade, for 12½c.

Children's extra quality fast black ribbed, worth 20c., for 12½c. per pair.

**Ladies' Suits.**

In our Suit Department we have just received two special numbers as follows;

Venetian Cloth Jacket and Skirt, with strap trimming of the same material, jacket lined throughout with silk, making a very handsome suit, for $15.

Tan Covert Cloth Jacket and Skirt, braided with brown and trimmed with small brown buttons. A very stylish suit, for $16.50.

**Ladies' Night Gowns.**

300 Gowns, made of good quality muslin with tucked yokes and cuffs with cambric ruffle trimming—would be cheap at 79c. Special price for this lot 50c each.

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For the year ending December 31 1898

According to the Standard of the Insurance Department of the State of New York

INCOME

| | |
|---|---|
| Received for Premiums | $42,318,748 51 |
| From all other Sources | 12,687,880 92 |
| | $55,006,629 43 |

DISBURSEMENTS

| | |
|---|---|
| To Policy-holders for Claims by Death | $13,265,908 00 |
| To Policy-holders for Endowments, Dividends, etc. | 11,485,751 32 |
| For all other accounts | 10,493,379 53 |
| | $35,245,038 88 |

ASSETS

| | |
|---|---|
| United States Bonds and other Securities | $160,956,141 34 |
| First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage | 68,503,580 90 |
| Loans on Bonds and other Securities | 9,396,619 00 |
| Real Estate appraised by Insurance Superintendents at $23,534,826.88; Book Value | 20,604,649 61 |
| Cash in Banks and Trust Companies | 11,621,317 36 |
| Accrued interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc. | 6,431,957 16 |
| | $277,517,325 50 |

LIABILITIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Policy Reserves, etc. | $223,058,640 63 |
| Contingent Guarantee Fund | 42,238,684 68 |
| Divisible Surplus | 2,220,000 00 |
| | $277,517,325 31 |
| Insurance and Annuities in force | $971,711,997 73 |

I have carefully examined the foregoing Statement and find the same to be correct; liabilities calculated by the Insurance Department.

CHARLES A. PRELLER Auditor

From the Divisible Surplus a dividend will be apportioned as usual.

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# The Middletown Transcript

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., APRIL 29, 1899


### THE CHURCHES IN MIDDLETOWN.

Bethesda M. E. Church.—Rev. Isaac L. Wood, Pastor. Preaching every Sabbath at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School every Sabbath at 2 p. m., A. G. Cox, Superintendent. Prayer meeting, every Thursday evening, 7.30 o'clock. Junior Epworth League and Epworth Cadets every Friday night at 7 o'clock. Young Ladies' Mission Circle, Monday nights at Parsonage. Women's Foreign Missionary Society, first Friday night of each month. Women's Home Missionary Society, first Thursday night of each month. Mite Society, first Saturday night of each month. Official Board meeting first Friday afternoon of each month at 2.30 o'clock.

Forest Presbyterian Church.—Rev. F. H. Moore, Pastor. Services held every Sabbath morning at 10.30 o'clock, and every Sabbath evening at 7.30. Sabbath School will be held every Sabbath morning at 9.15 o'clock, H. C. Ellison, Superintendent. Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Young People's Society Christian Endeavor meets every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Junior Society Christian Endeavor every Sunday after noon at 3 o'clock.

Services at Armstrong's Chapel the first Sabbath of each month at 3 p. m.

St. Anne's Protestant Episcopal Church.—Rev. Wm. J. Wilkie, Rector. Holy Communion on the first Sunday in the month at 10.30 a. m. On all other Sundays at 7.30 a. m. Divine services every Sunday at 10.30 a. m., and 7.30 p. m. Morning Prayer and Litany every Wednesday and Friday at 10 a. m. Evening Prayer on Friday at 3.30 p. m. On all Holy Days service at 10 a. m., and 3.30 p. m. Sunday School at 9.45 a. m. Adult Bible Class at 4.45 p. m. The Guild meets every Thursday at 2 p. m., the Ladies on the first and third Friday of each month at 2 p. m., the Boys' Club on Friday evenings at 7.30 and the Junior Auxiliary on Saturdays at 3 p. m.

### NOTICE.

Because of illness many subscriptions paid recently have not been changed on the labels though properly credited in the subscription books. Prompt notice should be given of failure to receive paper, or if town carrier does not leave paper where desired.

## Local News.

—Moonlight nights.

—Wilmington will not have a base ball team this year.

—Get your lawn mowers in shape for their summer work.

—Notes, bonds, warrants, in fact all kinds of legal blanks at this office.

—Rev. L. W. Layfield, of Smyrna, preached a fine sermon in the M. E. Church on Sunday last.

—A thunder storm on Wednesday afternoon cooled the air and made a very pleasant change.

—Latest style wedding invitations printed expeditiously and cheaply at the TRANSCRIPT office.

—Copies made from Tin Types or any other pictures of any description at Trinklere's Studio.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter & Son have a full line of carriages and agricultural Implements on hand

—John J. Harris has been appointed postmaster at Rockland. Mr. Harris is a Regular Republican.

—Shirts, 10c; Cuffs, 4c; Collars, 2c. All work guaranteed to be the best.—Lee Sing, North Broad Street.

—Wheat fields in the vicinity of Middletown are looking very well, but are hardly up to the average of last year.

—A number of Middletown's housekeepers have been cleaning house during the pleasant days of the past week.

—Two engines of the B. & O. R. R., were destroyed by fire in the round house at Wilmington, on Monday night last.

—Don't forget the entertaining and instructive Bethesda Epworth League. Meetings every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock.

—If you are going to marry, you need a nicely gotten-up invitation. Call at the TRANSCRIPT and get our prices and see samples.

—The Levy Court has refused to grant the right to use public bridges and causeways to the New Castle and Delaware City Railway Company.

—The degree staff of Middletown Council No. 2, Jr. O. U. A. M., expect to assist in the installation of a new council of that order at Sassafras, Md., in a short time.

—If you are going out of town for an outing leave your address at The Transcript office and the paper will follow you. It is the only way to keep posted on town affairs.

—Mr. Frank Lewis, of Philadelphia, has taken the place of Mr. Harry Lightcap at Letherbury's Hardware Store. Mr. Lightcap has begun business for himself at Odessa.

—PLANTS FOR SALE.—200,000 Cold Frame Cabbage Plants for sale at $2.50 per thousand. Orders by mail receive prompt attention. E. J. STEELE, Florist, Middletown, Delaware.

—Frank L. Cates has sold his blacksmith and wheelwright business on East Main street, to John C. Green for a consideration of $200. Mr. Cates will devote his time to the insurance business.

—It will pay you to attend Mrs. Peterson's opening to-night. Store and stock entirely new. First class millinery from 75 cents up. Style and quality are unsurpassed. First class trimmer.

—By a decision of General Merritt, the garrisons at Fort Delaware, Fort Mott and Delaware Battery will not be withdrawn, owing to being armed with modern guns which must be kept in good condition.

—Do you want the "best farm wagon made?" If so, buy the Milburn. Do you want to double the profits from your cows? If so, buy the American Separator. The above are for sale by

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—Col. John Wainwright, of Wilmington Del., has secured a pension for Eliza J. Harris, of Townsend, Del., widow of John Harris, late of Co. C, 45 Regiment, U. S. Colored Troops, of eight dollars a month from August 27th, 1897.

—Augustus Hushebeck is soliciting for Union Lodge, No. 6, A. O. U. W., and for the following work can give some remarkable inducements to persons having a desire to join that organization. The A. O. U. W. is conducted on a sound business basis and is a good, cheap, reliable insurance.

—The stables of Charles Cleaver, a farmer in Thoroughfare Neck were burned on Friday morning last, together with two horses and a mule which were in the building, causing a loss of $1200. A lantern left in the stables by a hired man is supposed to have been the means of setting the place on fire.

—An election for one member of the Board of Light and Water Commissioners, to serve five years, will be held at the rooms of the Town Commissioners on Monday next, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock, P. M. Each tax-payer of this town is entitled to one vote for every dollar or fraction thereof, paid in taxes.

—It is announced that the government will drop the cases against Senator R. R. Kenney and Harry Ford. William N. Boggs will at the next session of the U. S. Court, be sentenced to five years in the Trenton penitentiary. He has been in New Castle jail for fourteen months and his time off for good behavior will be almost as much more, thereby reducing his actual service at Trenton to about three years.

—Harriet Segars, a well-known colored woman of this town, died on Thursday of last week from the effects of a stroke of paralysis. Funeral services were held at her late home on Sunday afternoon, which were largely attended. Harriet was one of the most industrious workers and had by judicious savings built a comfortable home.

—A building boom is one of the most encouraging things which can strike a town. This town, after a lassitude lasting for several years, will have one of those old fashioned building booms. Let us hope it will not be delayed or wander off to another town. It is said a number of residences will be erected on South Broad street.

—When the U. S. Court convened on Tuesday last all the jurors answered their names but J. Hart Bye, of Milford hundred. Mr. Bye died from the effects of a paralytic stroke early in February. The case of James H. Morrison, of Newark, charged with unproper use of the mails was continued, and the jurors discharged until May 9th, next.

—In the United States Court on Monday afternoon last Charles Harris, colored, was convicted of swindling pensioners. He represented himself as a pension agent, giving his victims bogus checks for a larger amount than their claim, then collect the balance due on them in money. He was sentenced to be imprisoned five years and pay a fine of $2000.

—D. D. G. M. Harry C. Clark, of St. Georges, visited Good Samaritan Lodge No. 9, I. O. O. F., on Thursday evening the 27th inst., and installed the following officers: N. G., William Brockson; V. G., John E. Ginn; R. S., W. E. Dixon; R. S. to N. G., William Francis; Warden, W. J. Cullen; Guardian, S. J. Brockson. After the lodge had closed, the members and guests were entertained at Kates restaurant where oysters, etc., were served.

—Noah Empson, colored, accidently shot his cousin, Willie Empson, also colored, in the hip on Saturday night last on North Broad Street. It is claimed that Empson was given the revolver, to carry to a shop for repairs and did not know it was loaded. Dr. Vaughan was summoned and probed for the ball, but without success. The wound does not promise to be a fatal one. Empson immediately after the shooting made his escape to parts unknown, but afterward gave himself up and is under surveilance.

—It was Tuesday, April 26th, a year ago, that the Delaware State Militia went into camp at Camp Tunnell near this town. The pleasant weather at present, the budding of the shade trees, the blooming of the fruit orchards, do not suggest the rain and hail and snow storm of the second day of the encampment, a year ago yesterday, 28th, bringing such discomfort to ourboys, coming as they had from warm comfortable homes. The memory of those days is something to talk about, to recall with pleasure in the bright sunshine of to-day.

—At the meeting of the New Castle Presbytery, which was held in Wilmington last week, Rev. John McElmoyle, of Elkton, was elected one of the commissioners of the General Assembly. Stated Clerk N. H. Miller's report showed the total number of communicants in the presbytery to be 6,508, and the number of Sunday School members to be 6,718. There are 190 elders and 24 deacons. The collections for the past six months have been: For home missions, $5,046; foreign missions, $4,569; education, $510; Sunday School work, $914; church erection, $401; relief, $851; Freedmen, 372; synodical aid, $869; college aid, $553; General Assembly, $541; congregational, $47,407; miscellaneous, $2,476.

—On Monday morning a plowman for Mr. C. Malcom Cochran released a mare from the plow to go to water on the R. Alvin Cochran farm where he was at work. After drinking the animal turned towards the pasture and on being approached started to run. Jumping on a horse the "hand" started to catch her when she began to run, taking the road to St. Anne's Church, thence to Middletown turning towards the railroad where a freight train happened at the time to be across the track. She turned up the platform, passed the station and taking the railroad track fell into a culvert at Frogtown. The mare was a valuable one having cost Mr. Cochran $250 a few years ago. She was badly cut up, one leg especially so.

—The failure of Miss Jessie Ackerman, the temperance lecturer, to appear at the Opera House on Wednesday evening was very disappointing; to the ladies of the W. C. T. U. as well as to the audience the disappointment was real. The fame of the lecturer has created a desire to hear her. There had been more engagements made in the State for Miss Ackerman than she could fill, owing to some local Unions writing the agent and others direct to the lecturer. The meeting in the Opera House was a success, however. The three pastors of the town made brief addresses and Master Rossiter McCrone recited the oration for which he received the prize of $10.00 last week at Newark at the County W. C. T. U. The singing by the voluntary choir, singers from all the church choirs of the town, was declared to fully repay all who attended.

—The annual statement of the Town of Middletown has been published. The report shows the town to be in about the same position as one year ago. The assets of the town are $19,546.16, while the liabilities are $38,200, leaving a balance of $11,346.16. The total receips of the water plants shows $3,354.79 and the expenses including operating $1,489.44; incidental expenses, $138.09; repairs, 26.97; improvement, $2105.95; tools and fixtures, $135.31; material, $171,52, making a total of $3967.28, leaving a deficiency at this date of $1148.14. with uncollected rents of $175.76. Receipts for light amounted to $4079 33, and expenses of operating, repairs, improvements, etc, amount to $3953.52, leaving a balance of $1439.49. Thus the lights are sustaining both light and water plant and at this date have on hand $291.35.

—Mrs. Letitia Louisa Goldsborough, who was well known in this town, died at her home in Philadelphia, on Sunday last, and her remains were brought here for interment on the afternoon train Wednesday. Interment was made in the family lot in Old St. Anne's Cemetry near town, under supervision of J. H. Emerson, Rev. W. J. Wilkie read the beautiful, impressive ceremony of the Episcopal Church at the grave. Mrs. Goldsborough was the daughter of Richard and Mary Lockwood, and was born on the Meadows Farm, near Warwick, on October 10, 1833. Her girlhood was spent under parental care, and during December, 1860, she was married to Alexander M. Goldsborough. Since that time and up to the time of her death she had made Philadelphia her home. Mrs. Goldsborough was confirmed as a member of the Episcopal Church in early life and has been a consistent member thereof. She leaves three children, Mrs. William Sutton, Mrs. Geo. D. Firmin and A. Miller Goldsborough of Philadelphia; two sisters, Mrs. L. A. Price and Mrs. Margaretta Clayton; and three brothers, William K. Lockwood, of Cecil County, John J. Lockwood, of Kent County, Md, and Richard T. Lockwood, of Talbot County, Md, to mourn her loss;

### Unclaimed Letters.

A list of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: Miss Roseline Carrolle, Miss Mary Lizzie Smith, Miss Arabella Waters, Jno. W. Cannon, Capt. James L. Eames, Harry Heines.

### Have Not Paid Licenses.

About 200 persons have failed to pay their 1898 license fees to the clerk of the peace. The delinquents will receive the following warning sent in the name of Attorney-General Robert C. White:

"Dear Sir. The clerk of the peace of New Castle county has furnished me with a list of all those who have failed to take out license as required by law.

"Your name appears in this list, and I shall be compelled to prepare an indictment against you to be sent in to the grand jury at the next term of the Court of General Sessions in this county, unless a license shall have been issued to you on or before Thursday, the 4th day of May next.

### Back On The Midnight.

There is a young man in Middletown who is very much enamored of a young woman who resides in town, and to escape his undesired attention she came up to Wilmington for a long visit. It is understood by the Wayfarer that after she arrived here several Wilmington boys became much impressed by her loveliness. Her Middletown admirer bore her absence as long as he could, and then came to Wilmington to look her up. He found her and received the mitten. She must have requested the other boys to protect her from him, for they made things so unpleasant for him that on Sunday, at midnight, he went down to the P., W. & B. railroad station in company with a policeman, and took the midnight train for home.—Evening Journal.

### National Guard of Delaware.

An enthusiastic meeting of the commissioned officers of the First Regiment, National Guard of Delaware, was held at the armory in Wilmington on Monday, evening last, Adjutant-General Garrett J. Hart presiding. It was decided to call a meeting for the election of a colonel to succeed I. Pusey Wickersham, resigned, on May 9th the first anniversary of the mustering of the regiment into the United States service. There seemed to be a sentiment in favor of selecting Major Theodore Townsend, of Milford, to fill the vacancy. In case Major Townsend is elected it is thought either Capt. Matlack, of Co. C, or Capt. Carter, of Co A, will be chosen major. It will also be necessary to fill the office of regimental quartermaster, caused by the absence of Lieut. H. V. D. Bootes, who has gone into the regular service.

### The Reynolds—Hawkins Trouble.

Regarding the rumored trouble between ex-Secretary of the State John D. Hawkins, of Dover, and Magistrate Reynolds, of this town, as reported in the "Morning News" of Tuesday last, Mr. Reynolds said to a representative of this paper: "I am sorry this unfortunate affair has been made public. I have had no quarrel with Mr. Hawkins, and as far as I am concerned there is no hard feelings. I received Mr. Hawkins first check on March 14th, and it was returned dishonored; this was followed by a second check which received a like treatment. I then drafted on him, but he had no money in bank. After several unsuccessful attempts to see Mr. Hawkins in person failed, a warrant was sworn out for his arrest. This accomplished the desired result, and on Thursday, April 20th, the money was paid by Senator Kenney. The draft sent by Mr. Kenney covered the amount due, together with the costs of the various protests. I am sorry it has gained so much publicity, but I was only doing my duty to myself and my clients."

### Illegal Fishing.

The new patrol boat, in service for the enforcement of the laws relating to Sunday fishing went on duty on Saturday night last. For several years past it has been a source of much annoyance to the Delaware authorities to have fishermen from New Jersey come to Delaware waters and ply their unlawful trade almost under the nose of the law-abiding fishermen of our State. It is said, by parties who know, that Jersey fisherman come to Delaware's shore every Sunday. The duty of the patrol boat is to break up such, and to confiscate the boats and nets. The law says: "It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to cast, draw, fasten, or otherwise make use of any net, trap, device or contrivance for the purpose of catching shad in the river Delaware, or in the bay thereof, within the jurisdiction of the State, between the hours of 8 p. m. on Saturday and midnight on Sunday, throughout the year, and he, she or they so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of $50, together with the cost of the suit, for each and every offense, and one-half of said penalty shall be paid to the informer."

### KENT COUNTY.

There was considerable excitement in Dover on Monday last which was occasioned by the investigation of the "snake race track bill."

A short time ago Mrs. Martha Harrington, of near Cheswold, set a goose with twelve eggs and in due time thirteen little goslins were hatched out by that industrious fowl.

The remains of former Judge George P. Fisher, who died in Washington, were taken to Dover next Wednesday, and were buried in the old Methopist Episcopal Cemetery at that place.

The residence of Caleb S. VanBurkalow, a Magnolia merchant, was destroyed by fire early Tuesday morning. Mr. Van Burkalow was in Philadelphia at the time. The loss is about $1,000.

William Mason, one of the burglars who broke into the store of Charles J. Harrington, at Farmington on January 14, 1896, has been released from Dover jail on a petition from Judge Pennewill.

The meeting of the Farmers' Bank of Delaware, at which the stockholders will formally vote to reduce their capital stock $175,000 and discontinue the bank at New Castle, will be held on May 18, at 11 o'clock

It has been decided to start another paper in Dover, which will be devoted to the interest of the Free Silver Democrats of the State. The free coinage contigent feel very much abused by the treatment they receive from the other Democratic newspapers, and wish a way to express their own sentiments.

### OLD POINT COMFORT ONLY.

Tickets to Old Point Comfort only, including luncheon on going trip, one and three-fourths days' board at that place and good to return direct by regular trains within six days, will be sold in connection with this tour at rate of $15.00 from New York $13.50 from Trenton; $12.50 from Philadelphia, and proportionate rates from other points.

For itineraries and full information apply to ticket agents; Tourist Agent, 1196 Broadway New York; 789 Broad Street, Newark, N. J., or Geo. W. Boyd, Assistant General Passenger Agent, Broad Street Station Philadelphia.

## KENT BRIBERY CASES

### E. D. C. Hedgeman Charged with Forgery on Three Counts

### REPRESENTATIVE DAVIS IS CHARGED WITH BRIBERY

After disposing of the minor criminal cases, it was announced than the grand jury would take up the "snake" legislation and the bribery cases on Wednesday morning, and after disposing of them would take up the cases of the violation of the Registration laws.

The grand jury spent Wednesday morning in considering two of the foregoing bills and came in court at 1 o'clock.

On Tuesday night Magistrate John Hutton, of Dover, issued a warrant for the arrest of William P. Short, of Dagsboro hundred, on a charge of attempting to bribe Representative John T. Wagamon, Democrat, of Georgetown, during the senatorial contest before the recent session of the Legislature. The form of the attempted bribery, it is understood, was an offer to relieve Mr. Wagamon of an indebtedness of $2,000 under which he rests. Wagamon and Short are cousins. The warrant was issued upon the affidavit of State Detective Wilsil.

The grand jury ignored the indictment against Representative Short, but found a true bill against Emmet D. C. Hegeman of Laurel, who assisted the Senate clerks on the last days of the session. The indictment charges Hegeman with forgery. The first count says "Emmet D. C. Hegeman on March 13th, 1899, feloniously did forge the hand of Benjamin F. Sheppard, to endorsement on a certain bill then pending before the Senate of the State of Delaware and known as Senate bill No. 62, entitled 'An act to provide a penalty for violation of section 17 of article 2 of the amended Constitution,' the said Benjamin F. Sheppard being clerk of the House of Representatives, and by means of the premises did commit the crime of forgery and felony."

The second count says Hegeman "feloniously did forge and counterfeit" Sheppard's hand to that bill, and the third count says he did "feloniously counterfeit" Sheppard's hand.

The witnesses are Secretary of State Hughes, Dective McVey, House Clerk Sheppard, Senate Clerk Kenney, Prof. W. A. Reynolds and Representative Donahoe.

The grand jury also found a true bill against Hegeman, charging him with tampering with the bill referred to above. The first count charges that he made this endorsement: "First reading, second reading, 3-10-99, miscellaneous business, passed — B. F. Sheppard, clerk, 3-13-99, passed—B. F. Sheppard, clerk." The endorsement in the second count is "Passed, B. F. Sheppard, clerk, 3-13 99;" also "Passed, B. F. Sheppard, clerk,"

### DAVIS CHARGED WITH BRIBERY.

A true bill was also found against Representative Mark L. Davis, charging him with bribery. The first count alleges that on February 28th, 1899, he offered Representative Francis H. Lattomus $5,000 to vote for J. Edward Addicks for United States Senator.

The second count alleges that Davis offered to wipe out a $5,000 mortgage on Lottomus' farm if the latter would vote for J. Edward Addicks for United States Senator.

The third count alleges that he offered to Mary A. Lattomus, wife of Representative Lattomus, $5,000, if her husband would vote for J. Edward Addicks for United States Senator.

## PERSONALITIES

### Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

—Mr. Walter Conly, of Wilmington, has been in Middletown several days this week in the interest of James H. Wright.

—Miss Clarissa Richards and her friends, the Misses Buckmaster, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with her parents.

—Frank L. Cates has been in Georgetown this week.

—Mrs. Edward D. Hearn, of Georgetown, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Wilson, in this town.

—Dr. A. H. Reynolds, of Philadelphia, was a visitor in town this week.

—Mrs. A. R. Nowland has returned from a visit with her sons, Messrs. Frank L. and Robert T. Nowland, of Philadelphia.

—Mrs. J. H. Mendinhall, of Wilmington, spent Wednesday at the National Hotel, the guest of her father.

—Miss Bragdon, of Newark, Del, is visiting her brother, Mr. J. G. Bragdon.

—Miss Jessie Hukill returned home on Saturday from an extended visit with friends in New Jersey and elsewhere.

—Miss Lizzie Shepherd is visting friends in Philadelphia.

—Mrs. Vaughan, of Milton, Del., is visiting at her son's, Dr. Horace Vaughan's.

—Mr. Clarence Cochran was an over Sunday visitor at his sister's, Mrs. Howard Pool's.

—Mrs. Horace Vaughan and daughter Mildred are visiting friends in the City of Brotherly Love.

—Mrs. J. C. Alston and Mrs. W. E. Barnard were in Philadelphia yesterday.

—Mrs. Shipley, of the Quaker City, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Chas. A. Ritchie.

—Mrs. V. L. Culbertson, of Wilmington, spent several days in town the first of the week.

—Mrs. Woodbridge Patton and daughter Mildred of Philadelphia, were the guests of her sisters, the Misses Blackiston, over Sunday.

—Dr. Martin Barr of Elwyn, Pa, was the guest of his mother first of the week.

—Miss Adda Foard spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Frank Pool, at McDonough.

—Mr. and Mrs. Curtis B. Holten and infant son Curtis B. Jr. spent Monday night with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sewell Holten.

—The many friends of Mrs. Alex. Metten of Fieldsboro are glad to learn of her improved condition.

—W. F. Metten, of Wilmington, visited his parents at Fieldsboro on Sunday.

—Mrs. D. P. Barnard, Jr., and daughter, of Wilmington, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Reynolds, here.

—William B. Cates spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.

### San Francisco And Return.

One fare for the round trip, National Baptists' Anniversaries, May 26—30, 1899, tickets on sale May 14, 15, 16. and 17, good to return until July 15th. For full particulars call on or address John R. Pott, District Passenger Agent, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y, 486 William St., Williamsport, Pa., or 300 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.


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### FORMER LEVY COURT COMMISSIONER SIMPLER DEAD.

Former Levy Court Commissioner Robert B. Simpler, of Blackbird, died suddenly Wednesday evening of apoplexy. He was apparently well up to the time he was stricken. He was reared in the family of Mrs. Barnett, the mother of Mr. J. W. Barnett of this town and resided recently with Mr. Jacob Gibbons, Mrs. Gibbons being a sister to Mr. Barnett. Before he was two years old his back was broken and he was consequently a life cripple but he was genial and bright, made warm friends, and he will be sadly missed.

Mr. Simpler was a Republican in politics from conviction. In 1889 he was made sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, when the writer first knew him, and in 1890 he was elected Levy Court Commissioner but was legislated out of office by the Democrats of the General Assembly. He was 53 years old and unmarried.

His death is the first of the members and officers of the '89 Assembly. Friends are invited to meet at the house to-morrow, Sunday afternoon at 1 o'clock, funeral services and interment at Union Church.


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| William R. Cochran, | C. P. Cochran, |
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| George W. Peterson, | A. Hushebeck, |
| Paul Weber, | John B. Bratton, |
| Julian Cochran, | J. L. Parsons, |
| Frank L. Cates, | Timothy Caldwell, |
| G. Ellis, | William A. Ahern, |
| Howard Dickson, | Theodore Whitlock, |
| C. R. Clayton, | Joseph A. Suydam, |
| Rufus Jones, | James C. Story, |
| Geo. W. Price, | Thos. O. Sullivan, |
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Fine Wool Plaids, full 36 inches wide, that retails at 25c, marked **12½c** the yard.

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### REGISTER'S ORDER.

REGISTER'S OFFICE,
NEW CASTLE COUNTY, DEL.,
March 31st, 1899.

Upon the application of David H. Knotts and Robert P. Moore, Administrators of William H. Hickey, late of St. Georges Hundred, in said county, deceased, it is ordered and directed by the Register that the Administrators aforesaid give notice of granting of Letters of Administration upon the estate of the deceased, with the date of granting thereof, by causing advertisements to be posted within forty days from the date of such Letters in six of the most public places of the County of New Castle, requiring all persons having demands against the estate to present the same, or abide by an act of Assembly in such case made and provided; and also cause the same to be inserted within the same period in the Middletown TRANSCRIPT, a newspaper published in Middletown, Del., and to be continued therein two months.

Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and year above written.

{SEAL}

CALVIN W. CROSSAN, Register.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration were in due form of law granted unto the undersigned, on the Thirty-first day of March, A. D. 1899, and that all persons having claims against the estate of the deceased must present the same, duly attested, to the said Administrators, on or before the Thirty-first day of March, 1900, or abide the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

DAVID H. KNOTTS,
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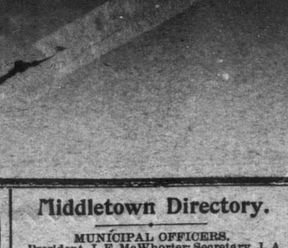
# FARM AND GARDEN

## PLANTING STRAWBERRIES.

**Desirable Plants and the Right Depth For Setting Them.**

All strawberry growers are aware that it is only the plants formed by the runners that should be used for the new plantation. These have yellowish white roots, and can thus be distinguished from the older plants, which have a long stem, at the lower end of which are black or brown roots (Fig. 1), many




OLD PLANT. STRONG YOUNG PLANT.

of which are dead or broken. If plants of good quality, which can be depended upon to give large corps, are desired, those selected for planting should have good crowns and well developed roots (Fig. 2). As a rule only the first plants on the runners should be used.

Dealers in strawberry plants, when picking up the plants after they have been dug, generally remove the dead or diseased leaves and runners, and at the same time straighten out the roots and the remaining leaves. Sometimes the setting of the plants is necessarily delayed until late in the season, when, if the air happens to be dry, there will be great danger of the wilting and perhaps the killing of the plants from the heat and dryness of the soil and air. Under these conditions it will be advisable to cut off the leaves except one or two of the smaller ones, as by thus reducing their surface the evaporation will be lessened. When plants have been purchased and have become dry or heated in the bundles, it will be advisable to untie the bundles and either place them in water up to the crowns in some cool, shady place, or to heel them in, so that the soil will be in contact with roots of each plant in moist soil, where they can be shaded and occasionally sprinkled. In a few days the plants that have not been killed will recover.

When the plants are being set, equal care should be taken that the roots are not exposed. Should the soil be dry, a pint or so of water should be given each plant before the planting has been completed, this will permit of the drawing of dry soil about it after the water has soaked in, and the baking of the soil about the plant will be prevented. In setting the plants a spade, dibble or trowel may be used. When the dibble or spade is used, a cut is made in the ground to the depth of six or eight inches, and the soil is pressed back in either direction by a side movement of the handle. In the opening thus formed the roots are placed, care being taken that they are not cramped and that they are so spread out that the soil can be brought in contact with each of them. When large plants, with a thick mat of roots are used, this is particularly necessary, as otherwise the soil would only be in contact with a layer of roots upon the outside of this bundle.

There is also considerable danger of loss if attention is not given to the depth at which the plants are set, they should be at such a depth that the bud will be just above the surface as at C in the second cut, for if deeper than this there will be danger that, especially on heavy soil, the bud cannot make its way through the soil, while if not deep enough a part of the roots will be exposed and the plant will be very likely to dry out. If placed perhaps a quarter or half inch deeper than it grows in the field, this will be sufficient to allow for the setting of the plant and will leave it in about the right position. In planting with the trowel the same method may be used as with the dibble or spade, but with a few plants many think it will pay to take somewhat more pains with the planting. A large hole is dug, and in the bottom of this a conical elevation is left, around and upon which the roots are spread.

After placing the plants at the right depth the soil is pressed against them with the dibble or hands, so that it will be in close contact with the roots,

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and the success of the planting will be increased if the feet are used to assist in packing the soil. Pressure upon one side will generally suffice, but if the soil is sandy a foot may be placed at either side of the plant. The continued and repeated pressure with the feet about the plant, as practiced by some, is not advisable, according to Professors Taft and Gladden, who treat of strawberry culture in a recent bulletin of the Michigan station, from which the foregoing extract is made.

**To Prevent Swarming.**

R. C. Aikin says there are two ways: "Hive the queen and bees in one section of the hive just as the flow comes on, making a new or strengthening weak ones with the brood or by excluding the queen from part of the hive ten days prior to the flow; then at the beginning of the flow take the queen and unsealed brood to a new stand and give the bees and sealed brood on the old stand a ripe cell or virgin queen."—Progressive Beekeeper.

## BLACK ROT.

**A Growing Trouble With Cabbages. How to Recognize and Prevent It.**

Black rot is of somewhat recent recognition, but during the past few years has led to serious loss in southern Wisconsin, Michigan, New York, Maryland, Vermont and elsewhere. The Vermont station says the first indication of the disease in cabbage is upon the outer leaves of the plant, which turn yellow and die in spots, usually at or near the margin. Such leaves are also liable to wilt. Careful examination shows that the veins in the dead areas are blackened. The germs which are the cause of the malady spread exclusively through the vessels or fibrous portions of the tissue. These invaded vessels turn black, and this striking discoloration is a valuable diagnostic feature of the disease which every cabbage grower should learn to recognize. If the stem of a healthy cabbage leaf be cut across, these vessels are seen forming faint yellowish spots in the interior, in marked contrast to the black spots seen in the badly diseased leaf.

If rotting cabbage plants are left in the field, the germs pass the winter in the soil and reinfect cabbages, turnips or weed plants which may grow thereon the next season. If fed to stock, they pass into the manure, and are similarly propagated in that way. Consideration of these facts leads the station mentioned to recommend the following preventive or remedial measures:

Rotation of Crops.—Cabbages or turnips should not be planted a second year upon land where the disease is observed. In view of the dangers from this disease and club root it is better in any case to rotate these crops with others. The seed bed also should be made in new soil each year.

Fertilization. — Diseased cabbages should never be fed to animals uncooked. Manure from animals fed on garden refuse should not be used on soil intended for cabbages.

Destruction of Insects.—Keep the plants as free as possible from insects.

Removal of Diseased Leaves and Plants.—Where the disease has once appeared, the cabbage field should be watched and during August and September should be systematically gone over and all leaves removed and destroyed as soon as they show evidence of the disease. In case the germs have invaded the stem (as shown by the blackened vessels at the junction of diseased leaf and stem) the entire plant should be uprooted and destroyed. This destruction should be by fire or deep burial.

Suppression of Cruciferous Weeds.—No plants of kale, wild mustard or other related weeds which may harbor the disease should be allowed to grow in or near the cabbage field.

**As Like as Two Peas.**

The Rural New Yorker illustrates the Station pea and the Surprise, as here shown, and says:

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STATION PEA. SURPRISE.

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From replies to inquiries addressed to various seedsmen, the journal quoted finds that they are not all of the opinion that the two peas are alike, and that a letter from the originator of the Surprise gives evidence that these peas are of different parentage. The New Yorker, however, emphatically pronounces the 1897 Prosperity and Gradus to be the same pea, and is not prepared to say what name it should justly bear, but suggests Prosperity.

**Agricultural Brevities.**

Tomatoes which have an imperfect blossom end are most susceptible to rot or black mold, and care should be taken to grow the smooth fruited sorts.

If experiments of several stations may be considered conclusive, seeds from the tip of the ear of corn germinate more surely and yield better than those from the center of the cob.

Among the new blackberries is the Mersereau, which, it is claimed, is without an equal for hardiness, besides being of brilliant, sparkling black color, fine form and flavor and very productive.

Horse radish is said to thrive and form the best roots in a soil of medium texture, moist but not wet.

White of egg, milk or lime should never be used for cleansing maple sirup, and after the sirup has been drawn from the evaporator it should never be reheated, according to a sugar making correspondent of New England Homestead.

## TO FIRST VOTERS.

There is a constitutional provision which will become operative before the next general election is held, of which the general public may not be aware, although it has been published in connection with the Constitutional Convention. It is an educational test. It is "that no person who becomes of age or who is naturalized after January 1st, 1900, shall be permitted to vote who shall not be able to read the Constitution in English, and be capable of writing his name."

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Napoleon proposed that, instead of one league, the limit of local sovereignty should be extended to three leagues from shore, and he persuaded the Spanish minister to come into his plan.

Such an extension of neutral limits would have greatly hindered the operations of our blockading fleets. All the negotiations were conducted with great secrecy, but orders were sent from Spain to the West Indies, instructing authorities there to extend threefold the range of their dominion over the sea. These orders had already gone when Horatio Perry, the American secretary of legation, got wind of the treachery of our ally.

Mr. Perry told his wife. She told the Duchess of Montpensier, who hated Louis Napoleon, and the duchess told her sister, the Spanish queen. Then the queen sent for Mr. Perry and asked what it was all about.

"You are injuring your best friends," said he after explaining the matter, "at the solicitation of this intriguer whom you have reason to believe is your enemy."

The queen regent sent for her prime minister and interrogated him. He replied that her majesty had signed the order on such a day.

"But no one told me what it meant," said Queen Isabella. "No one told me that this is a heavy blow to my American allies."

No one had told her! The minister was sorry if her majesty disliked it, but it was too late to help it. Why was it too late? Because a steamer had gone to the West Indian fleet with the orders which changed one league to three.

Then said Isabella, "It is not too late for me to accept your resignations."

But the senor don did not want to resign, and the other senores dons did not want to resign. So they found a fast steamer to take out orders rescinding the other orders, and the blockade was maintained for the next year.

## RUNNING A THEATER.

**The Big Salary Account That New York Houses Must Meet.**

The salaries of actors and actresses vary so much that no fixed prices can be quoted. It may suffice to say that the salary list of a stock house for performers will not come to less than $1,000 a week, and is often considerably more.

The salaries in the "front" are about as follows: Business manager, $60 to $75 a week; box office man, $30; assistant, $15; two doorkeepers, $8 to $12 each; head usher, $8; other ushers (three or four), $7; lithograph men (two), $15; night watchman, $10.

The salaries of the attaches of the stage are all fixed at union rates. Furthermore, the manager must employ three men on a side—that is, three stage hands on each side of the stage, including the stage carpenter and his assistant—and two flymen, men who work the curtain and drops up in the "flies," the regions above the stage.

The union rates are as follows: Stage carpenter, $30 a week; assistant, $25; electrician, $25; assistant, $15; property man, $25; assistant, $15; back doorkeeper, $7; stage hands, $1.50 for each performance, $2.50 per day for putting on a play, 50 cents an hour for rehearsals and 62½ cents an hour for all labor half an hour after the fall of the final curtain. Orchestra leaders get $40 to $50 a week, and the union rate for musicians is $25, except in operettas, when it is $4 a performance.—"The Business of a Theater," by W. J. Henderson in Scribner's.

**Melancholy Thought.**

When a man really gives his thoughts up chiefly to eatables and drinkables, he generally ceases to think of anything else after awhile. It is related in an old book on French cookery that Fontenelle, a French author of the early part of the eighteenth century belonging to the school of the precieuses, or literary exquisites, was found one beautiful morning lying at ease on the slope of a hill.

In the valley was a large flock of sheep. They skipped about daintily, waiting for their guardian to take them home. A friend of Fontenelle surprised him gazing meditatively upon these sheep.

"Aha!" said the friend. "The amiable philosopher ponders without doubt upon the vicissitudes of life."

"Y-yes," said Fontenelle. "I had been carefully looking over this flock, and I said to myself, 'It is possible that among these 200 sheep there is not one tender leg of mutton!'"

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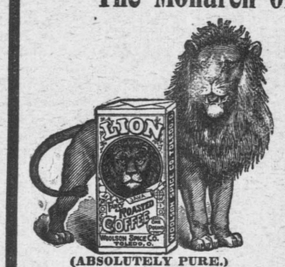


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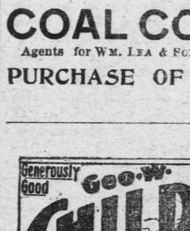

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| Porter | 8.45 | | f 3.04 | 4.52 | 7.25 | |
| Kirkwood | 8.50 | | f 3.09 | | 7.30 | |
| Mt. Pleasant | 8.59 | | f 3.17 | | 7.38 | |
| Armstrong | f 9.03 | | | | 7.42 | |
| Middletown | 9.08 | 11.50 | 3.26 | 5.18 | 7.48 | 12.39 |
| Townsend | 9.17 | | 3.34 | 5.28 | 7.56 | |
| Blackbird | f 9.22 | | f 3.39 | | 8.01 | |
| Gr'n Spring | f 9.27 | | f 3.45 | | f 8.07 | |
| Clayton | 9.33 | 12.07 | 3.15 | 5.42 | 8.13 | 12.57 |
| Smyrna...LV | 9.33 | 11.57 | 3.41 | 5.21 | 8.09 | |
| Brenford | f 9.38 | | f 3.50 | | 8.18 | |
| Cheswold | f 9.43 | | f 4.04 | | f 8.24 | |
| Dupont | | | f 4.0 | | | |
| Dover | 9.58 | 12.23 | 4.14 | 5.39 | 8.34 | 1.16 |
| Wyoming | 10.05 | f 2.29 | 4 20 | 6.05 | 8.40 | a 1.24 |
| Woodside | f 10 11 | | | f 6.11 | f 8.47 | |
| Viola | f 10.15 | | | f 6.15 | f 8.51 | |
| Felton | 10 20 | f 2.46 | | 6.20 | 8.56 | a 1.38 |
| Harrington | 10 34 | f 2.53 | | 6.33 | 9.07 | 1.56 |
| Farmington | f 10 42 | a 1.09 | | f 6.41 | f 9.15 | |
| Greenwood | f 10.50 | f 1.08 | | f 6.49 | f 9.23 | |
| Bridgeville | 10.58 | f 1.16 | | 6.57 | 9.31 | a 2.14 |
| Canmons | f 11 08 | | | f 7.02 | f 9.36 | |
| Seaford | 11.13 | 1.27 | | 7.11 | 9.45 | 2.26 |
| Laurel | 11.25 | f 1.37 | | 7.21 | 9.55 | a 2.38 |
| Delmar | 11.33 | 1.46 | | 7.30 | 10 05 | 2.50 |

NORTHWARD.

| | EXP. A. M. | MAIL A. M. | EXP. A. M. | MAIL A. M. | EXP. P. M. | PAS P. M |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Delmar | 11.08 | | 7.00 | 8.00 | 2 15 | 6.30 |
| Laurel | f 1.21 | | 7.11 | 8.10 | 2 26 | 6.41 |
| Seaford | 1.34 | | 7.23 | 8 24 | 2 38 | 6.56 |
| Cannons | | | f 7.31 | f 8.31 | | f 7.04 |
| Bridgeville | f 1.48 | | 7.37 | 8.37 | f 2.46 | 4.11 |
| Greenwood | | | 17.45 | f 8.45 | f 2.54 | f 4.19 |
| Farmington | | | f 7.53 | f 8.53 | | f 4.27 |
| Harrington | 2.22 | | 8.05 | 9.06 | 3.08 | 4.46 |
| Felton | f 2.33 | | 8.14 | 9.16 | f 3.18 | 4.59 |
| Viola | | | f8.18 | f 9.20 | | f 4.03 |
| Woodside | | | f8.22 | f 9.24 | | f 4.07 |
| Wyoming | p 2.46 | 6.57 | 8.29 | 9.31 | f 3.20 | 5.05 |
| Dover | 2.52 | 7.03 | 8.35 | 9.38 | 3.26 | 5.11 |
| Dupont | | f7.08 | | | | |
| Cheswold | | f7.13 | | f 9.48 | | f 5.20 |
| Brenford | | f7.18 | | f 9.53 | | f 5.25 |
| Smyrna...LV | | 7.15 | 8.42 | 9.50 | 3.41 | 5.21 |
| Clayton | 3.09 | 7.25 | 8.53 | 10.00 | 3.54 | 5.31 |
| Gr'n Spring | | f7.29 | | | | f 5.37 |
| Blackbird | | f7.35 | | f10.09 | | f 5.43 |
| Townsend | | 7.40 | 9 06 | 10 14 | 4 07 | 5.50 |
| Middletown | 3.30 | 7.50 | 9 15 | 10.24 | 4 16 | 5.58 |
| Armstrong | | f7.54 | | | | f 6.02 |
| Mt. Pleasant | | 7.58 | | f10 33 | | 6.06 |
| Kirkwood | | 8.08 | | 10 42 | | 6.16 |
| Porter | | 8.15 | 9 31 | 10 48 | 4 34 | 6.22 |
| Bear | | f8.20 | | f10 53 | | 6.27 |
| State Road | | f8.25 | | f10 58 | | 6.32 |
| New Castle | | 8.31 | 9 46 | 11.04 | f 4.47 | 6.37 |
| Farnhurst | | f8.36 | 9 50 | f11.09 | | f 6.42 |
| Wilmington | 4 15 | 8.45 | 9 58 | 11.19 | 4.50 | 6.50 |
| Baltimore | 6.19 | 10 37 | 11.15 | 12.35 | 6.55 | 8.40 |
| Philadelphia | 5.10 | 9.32 | 10 46 | 12.05 | 5.43 | 7.38 |

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‖ Daily. § Daily except Sunday.

"a" Stops to leave passengers from Wilmington and points north, or take passengers for points south of Delmar.

"f" Stops only on notice to conductor or agent or on signal.

"p" Stops to leave passengers from Middletown and points south.

"p" Stops to leave passengers from points south of Delmar, or take passengers for Wilming and points north.

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Leave Franklin City for Chincoteague (via steamer) 1.43 p. m., week days Returning, leave Chincoteague 4.42 a. m., week-days.

Leave Harrington for Georgetown, Lewes at 10.39 a. m., 6.57 p. m., week-days, Returning, leave Lewes 6.45 a. m. and 3.00 p. m. week-days.

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QUEEN ANNE & KENT R. R.—Leave Townsend for Centreville and way stations 9.21 a. m., and 5.31 p. m., week days Returning, leave Centreville 7.20 a. m., and 2.57 p. m., week-days.

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